

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 9, lines 3-8 of the specification as follows:

The "ratio of number of orders" is the ratio of the number of orders after order expired to the number of orders before order expired. More specifically: ratio of number of orders = (number of orders in month in which orders occurred after orders were nil for 24 months) / (number of orders immediately before orders were nil for 24 months). Simply stated, the ratio of number of orders is the ratio between number of orders ~~before~~ after and ~~after~~ before order expired.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, lines 4-7 of the specification as follows:

Based on the data, the calculated result display ENG 10h forecasts (calculates) the future number of orders of the very-low-order-rate (1) parts and displays or prints the result of the forecast by means of a cathode ray tube ("CRT") CRT or printer (neither shown).

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, lines 20-24 as follows:

In Figure 13, L1 is a straight regression line obtained solely ~~from~~ from known data and L2 is a straight regression line obtained from known data and a value Md obtained by modified Monte Carlo simulation. In the figure, the straight regression line L1 is presented only as a reference. The straight regression line L2 is used in the future order forecasting method of this embodiment.